

**Amendments to the Claims**

1-22. (Previously Canceled)

23. (Previously Amended) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues, said track comprising:

- a first rack portion for releasably retaining billiard cues;
- a second rack portion for attaching a billiard ball holder;
- a billiard ball holder releasably attached to said second rack portion;
- said billiard ball holder having an elongated body defining an elongated central space, said elongated central space being configured to closely retain a plurality of billiard balls, said elongated body having an opening at one end which permits billiard balls to pass therethrough to said elongated central space.

24. (Previously Added) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim 23 wherein:

- said billiard ball holder is attached to said second rack portion in a generally upright position, whereby said end having said opening defines an upper end of said ball holder.

25. (Previously Amended) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim 23 wherein:

- said ball holder includes an elongated slot providing visual access to said elongated central space such that a user can determine whether or not billiard balls are present in said ball holder.

26. (Currently Amended) A rack for storing billiard balls in accordance with claim 23 ~~wherein~~ wherein:

- said first rack portion includes a lower portion and an upper portion;
- said lower portion having at least one lower opening configured to receive a first end of a billiard cue; and
- said upper portion including at least one opening in registry with said lower opening to receive and retain a tip portion of a billiard cue and support the billiard cue in a generally upright position.

27. (Previously Added) A rack for storing billiard balls in accordance with claim 23 wherein said elongated central space defines a substantially cylindrical elongated central space having a diameter configured to closely retain a plurality of billiard balls.